It came to the notice of the Embassy that widows of two of the deceased workers have not so far received the compensation amount. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq was promptly requested by the Embassy to instruct the concerned organization to expedite the matter. Follow up action is being taken by the Embassy.

In the case of Mr. Zafar Hassan Salim Zaidi, Engineer, an amount of Rupees six lakhs was sanctioned by National Insurance Company, Bombay, as death compensation to his family.

Eviction of Tribals in Assam

710. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribals in Assam are being evicted on mass scale from the forest lands;

(b) if so, whether this is being done under the Assam Accord; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect the interests of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Representations have been received from various quarters, particularly minorities and tribals in Assam complaining of eviction operations being undertaken by the State Government of Assam. The State Government have intimated that action to prevent encroachment of government lands in tribal belts and blocks is being enforced in accordance with the relevant clause of the Assam Accord and the unauthorised encroachers, irrespective of their caste and community, are being evicted as per law in force. However, the State Government have been impressed upon to evolve remedies which may be fair, proper and just to all sections of the society, and to adopt a balanced and humane approach.

Magisterial inquiry into Tilak Nagar (Delhi) riots

711. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the magisterial inquiry ordered after the 26th July, 1986 riots in Tilak Nagar and neighbouring areas in Delhi has been completed;

(b) if so, what are its findings; and

(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against those who are found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Magisterial inquiry report has, *inter-alia*, pointed out instances of failure on the part of the local police in effectively handling the situation, in the jurisdiction of Police Station Tilak Nagar and Janakpuri.

(c) The Delhi Administration have forwarded the Inquiry Report to the Commissioner of Police to pinpoint individual responsibility in the light of the findings of the report.

Grant of pension to Hyderabad Mukti Sangram applicants

712. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases of Swatantrata Sainik pensions are pending with the Department;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of Hyderabad Mukti Sangram Pension applicants cases pending finalisation; and

(d) what steps have been taken to expedite their claims?